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Sir:

In advance of the Interview, Applicant submits this agenda for discussion during the Interview scheduled for June 7, 2010.

The Examiner has rejected all pending claims, except claim 13, as obvious over JP2001313701 to Kiumi Hideo and JP 2001298513 to Iijima Takahiro ("Iijima"). The Examiner states in the Office Action that "Iijima teaches a screen on said display units that is able to display a first selection screen (Fig. 3c)... when both of said housings are in said closed state, and a screen on said display units is able to display a second selection screen (Fig. 4a) which is different from said first selection screen (fig. 3c (covering device 5 closed))" Office Action at 2. However, the Applicant disagrees.

The Applicant has provided below a partial translation of paragraph [0034] of

Iijima:

[0034] After the operation of telephone calling/incoming or the operation of non-verbal mode service ends, the lid 5 is to be closed. When the lid 5 is closed after being rotated by 180° about the second rotational axis 4b of the hinge 4 without clicking the end icon 15, the lid 5 can be placed in a closed state while the display 6 is exposed to outside, and the mode selection image 10 is still displayed on the display 6, as shown in FIG. 3(c). If the mobile telephone is carried in this state, a user can quickly respond to a telephone calling/incoming or, in particular, to a non-verbal service, as will be explained below.

As Applicant previously stated, Iijima fails to teach or suggest a control device which switches a display screen on the display unit depending on the open/closed state of the housings. This is apparent from the description from the translation provided above: "*when the lid 5 is closed* after being rotated by 180° about the second rotational axis 4b of the hinge 4 without clicking the end icon 15, the lid 5 can be placed in a closed state while the display 6 is exposed to outside, and *the mode selection image 10 is still displayed on the display 6*, as shown in FIG. 3(c)". (Emphasis added). In other words, the display screen is not switched depending on the opened/closed stat of the housings.

The figures in Iijima support this written description. Applicant also provides herewith a partial translation of Figs. 3 and 4 of Iijima. Consistent with the written description, the screen image shown in Fig. 3c and the screen image shown in Fig. 4a of Iijima are identical. Although Fig. 3 does not show screen images corresponding to the screen images shown in Fig. 4b and Fig 4c, it would be easy to imagine that the screen images shown in Fig. 4b and Fig 4c would also be displayed in the closed state when the lid 5 is closed after being rotated by 180° about the second rotational axis 4b of the bing 4 without clicking the end icon 15.

Therefore, the combination of Iijima and Kiumi cannot render obvious the pending claims for the reasons noted above. Moreover, a person of ordinary skill in the art could not arrive at the claimed invention based on the Kiumi reference in view of the Iijima reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Partial Translation of Iijima Reference**

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Fig. 3

【図3】

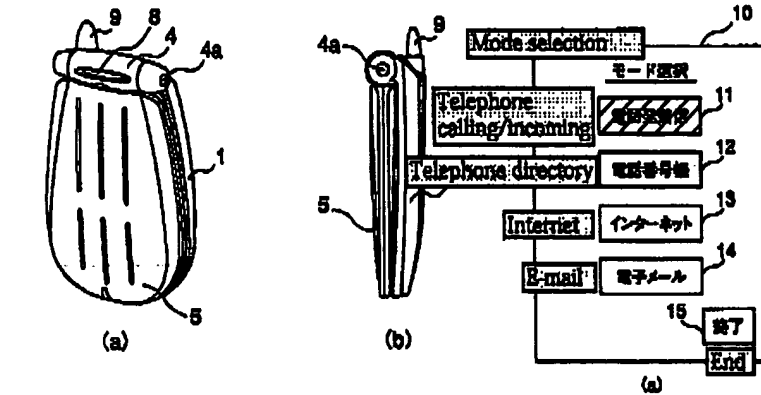
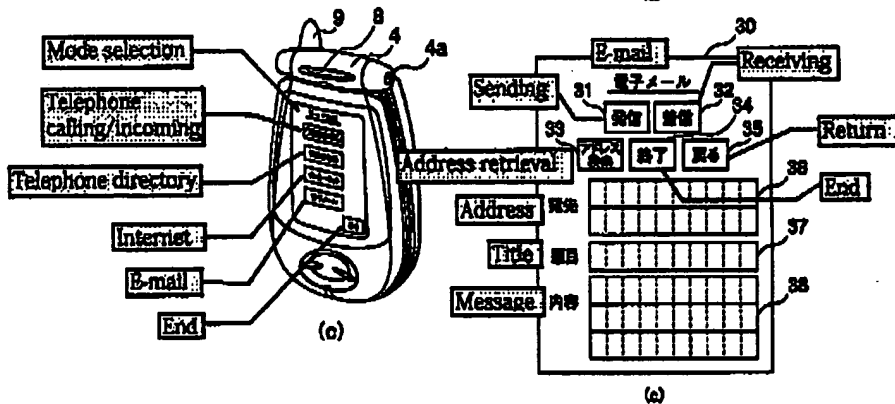
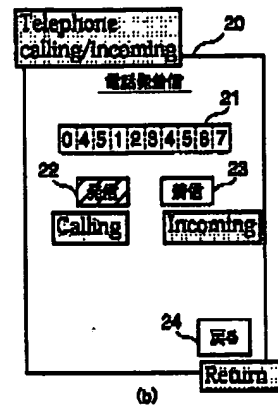


Fig. 4

【図4】



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